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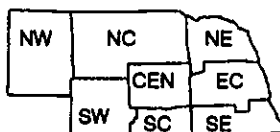
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## WEATHER

The week was cool and relatively dry. Temperatures averaged one to five degrees below normals. Precipitation amounts averaging less than a tenth of an inch occurred in the form of snow the first part of the week.

## GENERAL

Producer activities this past week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, consisted mainly of calving and lambing, oats planting, some field preparation and fertilizing, and monitoring farm-stored grain. A few reports indicated some stored grain was going out of condition and was being moved. With the dry March, producers are concerned about plant emergence and the growing wheat.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 45% fair and 55% good, a decline from a month ago. Wheat has begun to green up with producers applying fertilizer and spraying for weeds. High winds in the Panhandle on March 17, 23, and

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recently caused varying degrees of damage to area fields. Some acreage has been tilled and destroyed. Moisture would certainly be welcome for growing wheat.

Oat planting made a very strong start due to the dry month and as of Sunday, 45% had been seeded. This compares to 1% last year and 27% for the five-year average. Producers were concerned about germination due to the lack of rainfall during March. As of March 1, producers intended to seed 220,000 acres to oats, down 19% from 1993 and the smallest acreage planted on record.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 98% of normal and compares with 98% of normal last year. Calving and lambing activities have been good due to drier conditions this spring. Spring calving progress was moving along well at 68% complete. Supplemental feeding continued to cattle on stalk fields as producers wait for spring pastures.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 3, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Oats Sown	4	6	42	22	63	71	74	94	45	0	1	27
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 1, 1994												
Days suitable	0.1	6.5	4.9	5.7	6.2	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	n/a	1.0	
Topsoil Moisture - Short	100	0	13	33	50	75	33	60	39	n/a	0	
(Percent) - Adequate	0	100	87	67	50	25	67	40	61	n/a	51	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	49	
Subsoil Moisture - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	
(Percent) - Adequate	100	100	100	100	89	100	100	100	97	n/a	75	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	3	n/a	25	

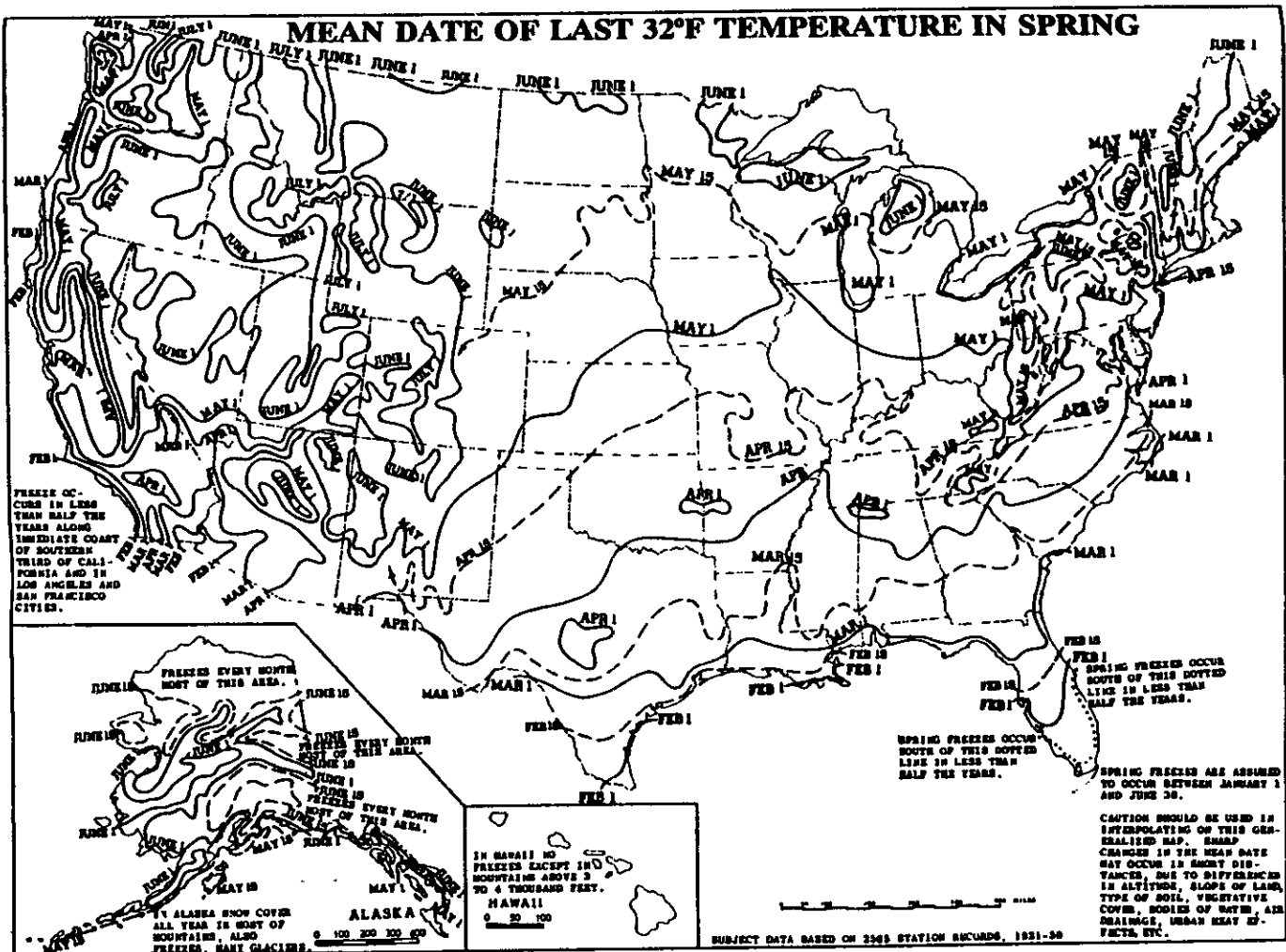
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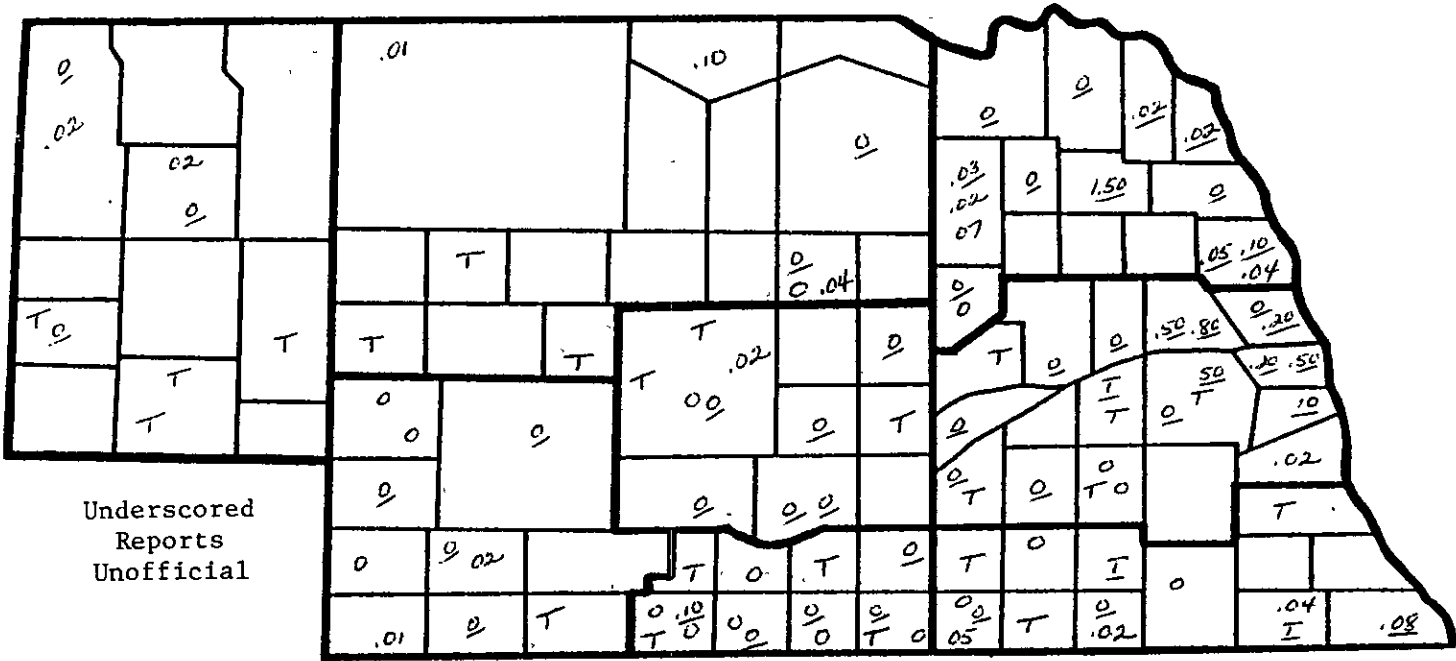
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1994



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1994

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	69	11	38	---	.01
	Scottsbluff	71	10	40	-1	.01
	Sidney	71	9	39	---	.02
NC	Valentine	75	14	39	-1	.02
NE	Norfolk	75	15	40	-3	.02
	Sioux City	74	16	40	-3	.01
CEN	Grand Island	74	15	39	-5	T
	Ord	76	13	39	---	0
EC	Lincoln	73	15	40	-5	T
	Omaha	73	17	40	-5	.14
SW	Imperial	---	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	76	16	42	0	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.